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Column One By David Courtney

THE Anshun affair was a silly blunder, of course. But may have useful consequences. If there were any maritime countries left that felt some sympathy for the Egyptian claim to control the Gulf of Akaba and stop cargoes from proceeding to Eilat, it is doubtful if there are any now. In Britain, where the principle of free sea passage is traditional and almost sacred, knowledge that the Egyptian claim (which has never been accepted) has been denied to a few gunners on a tiny island who are apt to see their gun barrels by shelling any ship that comes along, merely on the vague assumption that it may be bound for Eilat, has not made the Egyptian claim to control of the Gulf's entrance seem any less unimportant.

FULLER debate of the British Government's protest indicates that patience is getting thin even at that usually patient quarter. At the same time as the note was handed to the Egyptian Foreign Ministry, London let it be known that a similar incident happened at the entrance to the Gulf of Akaba on April 10, which was also the subject of a protest note. The note was not published and it was apparently assumed that the Egyptians would not again be so foolish. But they were. The second note of protest was therefore a good deal stronger than the first. It was based on two separate arguments. First of all, Britain has never recognized, and does not recognize now, the right of Egypt to enforce a blockade of Israel or of her batteries to prevent ships from passing through the Gulf to the port of Eilat. She then points out that international law provides for the right of free passage through an international waterway whether it lies within territorial waters or not.

IN the second place, the British note points out, it is hardly civilized practice to shell unarmed vessels. In the case of the Anshun, the master stated that in any event he felt unwilling to stop his ship at least until he was safely through the dangerous currents of the straits. He stopped his engines after the first shots were fired but two minutes later a further shot came whizzing across which hit the ship without, however, doing much damage. The Egyptians claimed that they had not hit the ship. "If that is true," said the Minister of State, Mr. Nutting, "they must be poor marksmen, poor observers, or both." Even if the Egyptian claim is true, it is dangerous, certainly, if they put away from an island at the entrance to an international waterway, to make it a hazardous business to take a ship through on what the protest note describes as its lawful business.

AND now Mr. Ben-Gurion, echoed with the qualification of a diplomat by Mr. Sharet, has threatened to open the Gulf of Akaba to Israeli shipping "if necessary with the help of the Israeli navy, air force and army." That is something that the Western Powers and U.N. will strive to avoid, and there is some indication that the United Kingdom has no intention of leaving its note to Cairo's letter-box and forgetting all about its contents.

ON this occasion, then, it is not surprising that Israel should expect some definite evidence of action by the relevant Powers to put a stop to one of those causes of tension between this country and Egypt which, if left to drag on, may at any moment become the weight shifting an uneasy balance in the direction of war. On the evidence, a blockade of Israel is without any legal or moral right. Even the fact that the Gulf of Akaba's shores are mainly in Arab hands, with Jordan and Israel sharing the brief northern shores, and that two Arab countries besides Egypt are concerned in its guardianship, while it may persuade the Egyptians to feel that they cannot lift their blockade of the straits without the approval of their Arab colleagues, provides no excuse for an action clearly warlike in character and potentialities.

ONE may hope profoundly that the peaceful international moves referred to by Mr. Sharet at Rehovot, will be successful. It is high time a move of this kind, in this area, had some success.

Jerusalem, July 11.

The Organization of Kupat Holim Physicians

that according to the decision of the General Assembly, July 14, 1955 is the deadline for receiving an answer to their demands. In case no positive answer is received, the new committee has fixed

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as the beginning of passive resistance.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

No Change In Cabinet Position On Doctors' Strike

Jerusalem Post Staff

The salary demands of Government-employed physicians were discussed at yesterday's Cabinet meeting, but it is learned on good authority that no change has taken place in the Government's position.

The Minister of Health, Dr. Dov Joseph, reported on negotiations with the physicians' representatives. The Government's position is that the physicians, along with the academic and higher administrative employees, should await the submission of the final report of the Guri Committee, which has been promised for the beginning of August.

The Ministry of Health is soon to publish an announcement of the temporary employment of additional physicians in Government hospitals until the end of the partial strike. This move is aimed at overcoming the shortage of physicians in various departments of Government hospitals, the Ministry of Health spokesmen stated yesterday.

The Ministry announced that the maternity ward of the Zehalon Hospital in Jaffa, which was due to close, will continue to function following the return of a number of physicians from Army reserve duty.

The Emergency Committee of the Israel Medical Association, however, has asked that the Ministry close one maternity ward in the coastal plain area. According to the request, the ward in either Zehalon or Asaf Hospital would be shut down and the physicians concentrated in one hospital.

The orthopaedic ward at the Asaf Hospital is now working at 50 per cent capacity, the Ministry stated. The number of new patients accepted has been limited to permit physicians to be transferred to the surgery ward.

One Doctor for 600

The Ministry confirmed reports that the 600 patients at the Asaf Hospital are under the care of a single physician because of the shortage of physicians. Health Ministry institutions are now working at 65 per cent of capacity, it was stated.

"It will cost the Government much more to employ temporary physicians in Government hospitals than to meet our demands," the Central Committee of the Medical Association announced yesterday. The Committee termed the Ministry's move an attempt to break the passive resistance strike.

It was stated that it was clear that the object of this move had been to force the doctors to come to terms with the Government. Today, their decision was made in a hospital was based on co-operation.

The Coordinating Committee of 20 academic organizations, which called a day-long (3 a.m. to 8 p.m.) strike for next Monday, yesterday issued detailed instructions on carrying out the strike (Continued on Page 1, Col. 5)

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — The Cairo correspondent of "The New York Times" reported today that Egypt and Israel are closer to peace than at any time this year, and perhaps closer than at any time since the armistice was signed.

"Formal peace in the Middle East is still a long way off," the dispatch said. But it cited two encouraging factors: the "unexpected progress" in the Gama border talks and the fact that the U.S. is the first time this year in which no Egyptian or Israeli lost his life in border clashes.

"If the negotiators can work out permanent effective procedures to maintain military tranquility — an Egyptian delegate said he believed it could be done — the first requirement for ultimate peace will have been met."

The report said that domestic political factors in both Israel and Egypt are obstacles to peace, with Abdul Nasser afraid that

2 Blasts in Cyprus Mar Lennex Boyd's Talks

By IRIS H. RUSSELL, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NICOSIA, Sunday. — Although nothing has yet leaked out from official sources as to the outcome of yesterday's talks between Archbishop Makarios, leader of the Enosis movement, and Colonial Secretary Alan Lennex Boyd, it is generally believed here that no satisfactory conclusion was reached between the two parties.



Grados Presenting Credentials Today

Dr. Jorge Garcia Grados will present his letters of credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary for Guatemala to President Ben-Zvi at Beit Hanesani in Jerusalem at 11 noon today.

The new Minister visiting Israel in 1947 as a member of UNSCOP, which later presented the Partition Plan for Palestine to the United Nations. He is now acting as First Secretary to the Legation.

Dr. Grados, who arrived in Jerusalem on Sunday, is the youngest son of Jorge Jr., who will act as First Secretary to the Legation.

Dr. Grados was one of the candidates in the Guatemalan Presidential election in 1950. He visited Israel again in 1952 and was named Minister designate to Israel last autumn.

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51st Anniversary Of Herzl's Death

Jerusalem Post Staff

"Around this high resting place, the heart of the entire people beats today," President Ben-Zvi declared in a message read at the tomb on Mount Herzl yesterday evening at a ceremony marking the 51st anniversary of the death of Dr. Theodor Herzl.

The circle of graves was surrounded by Cabinet Ministers, Knesset Members, heads of the Jewish Agency Executive, led by Mr. Ben-Zvi, Chairman, Zionists leaders and pilgrims of all ages. A military guard of honour and rows of schoolchildren in khaki Safety Squad uniforms formed a living corridor to the flower-covered tomb.

The simple ceremony was initiated by the holding of Herzl's blue and gold flag and the lighting of an oil torch. Following the reading of Mr. Ben-Zvi's message by Mr. Z. Friedland, of Hahinukh, selections from Herzl's writings were made. Mr. Z. Friedland, Mr. A. Z. Aarar and Dr. Z. Aarar, two octogenarians who attended the first Zionist Congress called by Herzl in 1897.

Mr. Ben-Zvi's message stated that Herzl "foretold the inexorable logic of events 40 years before the rise of Hitler, just as (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

people will say Israel "shot her way" into negotiations, and Mr. Sharet, who said today that the "soft" towards the Arabs with the elections coming up.

The correspondent quoted Abdul Nasser as saying to Gen. E. L. M. Burns that "good conditions lead to better conditions and better conditions might lead to the best condition," and said that Mr. David Ben-Gurion has been reported as remarking that "Nasser can have peace in five minutes if he wants it."

The report stated that if the possibility arises where neither party could make peace because of domestic considerations, the big powers might force peace through the use of sanctions, thus relieving them of domestic political responsibility.

The correspondent closes the dispatch with several paragraphs on the question of the refugee problem and border adjustment, saying among other things, "although non-refugee Arab spokesmen reiterate that they will insist on the 1947 partition plan as the basis for a virtually certain they'll accept much less since some of them actually lost territory and 'forbidden' areas. He wrote that few of the refugees want to return to Israel and some system of compensation must be worked out, including what to do with those in the Gama Strip, since Egypt does not want the Strip, and the refugees do not want annexation by Israel."

Police, Churchgoers Clash in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Sunday (Reuter). — Firemen turned their hoses on several hundred demonstrators outside the Cathedral here today, the second day of demonstrations by churchgoers who had been attending a service commemorating Argentine independence day.

Disturbances with police continued after most of the demonstrators had been dispersed. A few shots were heard, there were scores of arrests and an unspecified number of persons were injured. Soon after the incident, the Minister of Interior and the Vice-President visited the scene.

200,000 Catholics March in Brussels

BRUSSELS, Sunday (Reuter). — More than 200,000 Roman Catholics demonstrated for nearly four hours here today against the proposed school reforms, which they claim would destroy their schools.

Traffic was disrupted as the Catholics marched 20 abreast through the capital's main avenues, shouting "Down with Catholicism" (Socialist Education Minister), blowing whistles, singing and waving flags.

The demonstrators were in a holiday mood unlike three months ago when a banned Catholic march ended in serious rioting here.

Today's march was authorized by the Mayor of Brussels under a new truce between Catholics and Socialists which allows neither side to trouble each other's demonstrations. But strong police force stood by in case of trouble.

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PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — Russian and American scientists will have neighboring bases on the Knox coast of the Australian Antarctic territory during the 1957 geophysical year. The coastline along the line of the Antarctic Circle.

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Bulganin Predicts Policy Statement on Germany

U.S. Sees Germany As Key Geneva Issue

WASHINGTON, Sunday (Reuter). — The Soviet attitude towards means of negotiating German reunification will be revealed in Washington as a key test of the Soviet Government's desire for a constructive settlement of East-West differences.

The Eisenhower administration is seeking deliberately limited objectives at Geneva. Allowing for the wide gap in Soviet and Western viewpoints, these are:

1. The unification of Germany.
2. The elimination of Communist attempts to subvert governments.
3. Some reduction in armaments, if only in the European area, keyed to political considerations as well as military considerations.
4. A step by step increase in mutual trust between the Soviet and Western world.

Western observers point out that none of the recent international moves made by Russia involve any detriment to her own interest. And so far there has been no sign that they will be prepared to make concessions involving any such detriment at Geneva any more than the Western powers.

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Hopes for 'Frank Talk' at Summit

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — A Soviet policy statement on the key problem of Germany is expected this week before the big Four conference "at the summit" opens in Geneva on July 18.

Nehru Sure Parley To Make for Peace

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, said today on the completion of his talks with Prime Minister Anthony Eden that he did not expect the summit conference at Geneva to produce any sudden blueprints. But "we can readily expect certain steps in the direction of peaceful settlement of disputes," he declared.

The Indian Premier was speaking at a Press conference at London Airport prior to his departure for India after a tour which took him through the Soviet Union, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.

Mr. Nehru said, "It seems that we have reached a psychological moment of history, a turning away from the tense atmosphere of the so-called cold war towards peace."

Asked if he gained the impression during his tour of Russia that there was a genuine desire there for an easing of world tension, he said, "I am convinced of this desire to work for a lessening of world tension and towards disarmament, too."

Referring to the reported trouble in Laos, Mr. Nehru added, "perhaps we talked too frankly, but I think that that is the way we should talk at Geneva. You had the beginning of the Geneva conference there," he added.

Council of Europe Session Ends

STRASBOURG, Sunday (Reuter). — The French President of the Council of Europe, M. Guy Mollet, told a Press conference here last night that he would be glad if Yugoslavia were associated with the Council.

The Yugoslav Ambassador to France, Mr. Ales Bebler, came to Strasbourg for talks with Council of Europe officials during this meeting, and Yugoslavia is expected to send an observer here.

The Assembly yesterday ended a five-day session on East-West relations. Highlights of the session were:

1. The first meeting of the Assembly of the Western European Union, the seven-nation organization set up after the French Parliament had rejected the European Army Treaty. British Conservative John Gorton was elected president of the WEU Assembly.
2. The coming into force in six countries of an optional clause (Article 25) of the European convention on human rights, which gives private individuals and groups in the six countries the right to appeal to "European arbitration" against alleged wrong done them by national governments.

The clause needed the adhesion of at least six countries to become effective. West Germany and Belgium adhered to it during this Assembly session, joining Denmark, Elze and Sweden.

3 'Second Thought' POW's Quit China

HONG KONG, Sunday (Reuter). — Three American prisoners of war who chose to stay in China after the Korean fighting, and then changed their mind, were repatriated today and declared that "death is better than Communism."

They told reporters here that they were ready to face the American people when they got home and take their punishment even if it meant going to prison.

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
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